GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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BROADCASTING LEGISLATION
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to draft a comprehensive broadcasting legislation;

(b) if so, the main objectives of this legislation:

(c) whether through the new Broadcasting Bill, the Government propose to take a strict standon obscenity on TV and cover private TV channels;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government also propose to provide better access to the maximum viewers, particularly living in rural areas;

(f) if so, the steps taken /proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and (g) the time by which this legislation is likely to be introduced in the House?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF TH DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT

(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (g): The Government proposes to bring before the Parliament acomprehensive legislation which will, inter-alia, provide for regulatory mechanism for various aspects of broadcasting, particularly the private broadcasting. However, the exact details are yet to be finalized and no time frame can be indicated for the same as yet. Opening of the sector to private broadcasters together with appropriate regulatory mechanism will help in promoting better access to and choice of broadcasting programmes to large number of viewers/listeners including those living in rural areas.